DEC 2 7 2005 AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Attorney Docket No: ACU025 **Under Small Entity Status** Sh Serial Number: Filing Date: Examiner: Art Unit: 10/687,495 Vannucci, James 10/16/2003 2828 Invention: Spectral Beam Combination (SBC) of Broad-Stripe Emitter Laser Diodes TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED **CLAIMS REMAINING** HIGHEST NUMBER NO. OF EXTRA **RATE ADDITIONAL** AFTER AMENDMENT PREVIOUSLY PAID **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE FOR TOTAL CLAIMS 50 **MINUS** 35 15 \$25 \$ 375.00 INDEP. CLAIMS 4 **MINUS** 3 1 \$100 \$ 100.00 Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 12/13/2005 to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: one month (\$60.00) three months (\$510.00) two months (\$225.00) four months (\$795.00) TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been previously established. X A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. X A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 50-3200. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong account, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. <u>50-3200</u>. This sheet is filed in duplicate. \mathbf{X} A return postcard is attached.

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Applicants: Hamilton et al

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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